

No. 25-1787

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

JOHN DOE, ET AL.,
Plaintiffs-Appellants,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ET AL.,
Defendants-Appellees.

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of South Carolina
Case No. 2:24-cv-06420-RMG

**DEFENDANTS-APPELLEES' NOTICE OF REPLY IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO DISMISS**

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NOTICE OF REPLY

Defendants-Appellees notify the Court, pursuant to Local Rule 27(d)(2), that they intend to file a reply in support of their motion to dismiss, (Dkt. 36-1), on or before August 7, 2025, which accords with the 7-day reply deadline prescribed by Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(a)(4), and which would, in fact, conclude the briefing on the motion sooner than previously requested by the Court.¹ Defendants-Appellees respectfully request that the Court not act on the motion to dismiss until the reply is received.

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¹ In the notice requesting a response to the motion to dismiss, the Court permitted Plaintiffs-Appellants until August 8, 2025, to file a response. (Dkt. 37.) If Plaintiffs-Appellants had fully availed themselves of the time afforded by this Court, that would have resulted in an August 15, 2025, reply deadline under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(a)(4). Now that a response was filed by Plaintiffs-Appellants on July 31, 2025, (Dkt. 39), the usual 7-day reply deadline falls on or before August 7, 2025, which is still a day less than the amount of time the Court already contemplated waiting for a response to the motion to dismiss.

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